

# Welcome Gardens! Newsletter

May 24th/2017

## LATEST NEWS!

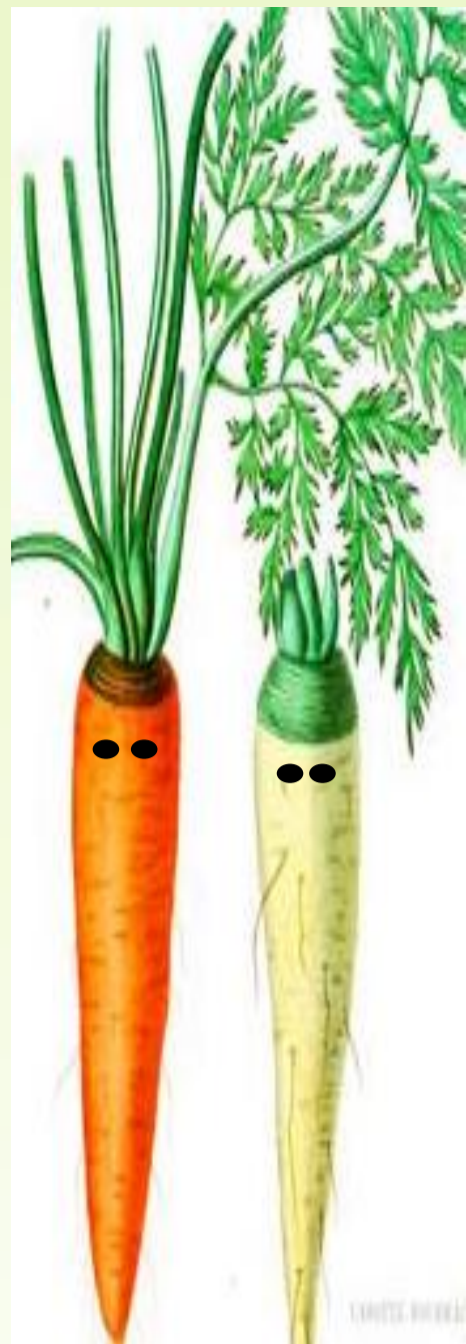
### VIRCS Open House 2017

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

1 pm – 4 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 637 Bay Street

You are invited to the VIRCS 2017 Open House! We will have a selection of ethnic food, beverages and entertainment. It is a small way to thank you for being a valuable member of the VIRCS community!



### The weather is warming up!

Although many veggies are good to plant during the early Spring, the third weekend of May is still the 'Old Gardeners' favorite for planting the **warm weather veggies** in the garden.

Veggies that are good to start from seeds in the garden now include:

- beans, beets, broccoli, carrots, corn, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, green onions, oriental greens, parsnips, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips.

It may be a good time to transplant to the garden artichokes, early cabbage, cauliflower, celery and fennel plants.

If the nights are warm enough (around 10 C) you can transplant pumpkins, squash, peppers and tomatoes, but if the nights are still cool it is best to wait a little bit.



### Activities happening in Victoria this weekend

#### Plant Sale- Mason Street City Farm

It's finally feeling like summer is here, the nights are warm and we've got SO MANY plants for your summer of abundance! Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, basil, greens and loads of flowers and herbs to tuck into the space in between!

Complete plant list and more info about our nursery

here: <http://masonstreetfarm.com/edible-nursery/>

**When:** Saturday, May 27th

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Mason Street City Farm. 1032 Mason Street, Victoria

#### Container Garden workshop

This workshop is a hands-on workshop for container gardening, designed so you can use a whole variety of containers - everything from old rubber boots to coffee cans to large planting boxes!

**When:** Saturday May 27

**Time:** 1:00-3pm

**Where:** Compost Education Centre. 1216 N Park St  
Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

**Fee:** \$20

Do you have recipes or stories? Please share with us [welcomegardens@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:welcomegardens@vircs.bc.ca)  
For more information about times and topics, please visit VIRCS event calendar at [www.vircs.bc.ca](http://www.vircs.bc.ca) or  
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